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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested in connection with the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

A substitute specification along with a marked-up copy of the original specification is attached;

Amendments to the Claims;

Amendments to the Abstract;

Remarks are included following the amendments.